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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD UNIONS BOYCOTT GRENADA

REF: POS 0072 (NOTAL)

1. TRINIDAD SEAMEN AND WATERFRONT WORKERS TRADE UNION (SWWTU) HAS JOINED OILFIELD WORKERS TRADE UNION (OWTU) IN BOYCOTT OF CARGO CONSIGNED TO GRENADA. FIRST MAJOR SAILING TO BE AFFECTED WILL BE M.V. FEDERAL MAPLE NOW SCHEDULED TO DEPART PORT OF SPAIN FOR GRENADA JANUARY 14 WITHOUT CARGO. SWWTU PRESIDENT GLEAN TOLD EMBOFF THAT DECISION CAME AFTER REQUEST FROM GRENADA UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH SWWTU THROUGH CCL AND ITF. PRESS REPORTS THAT DECISION WAS COORDINATED WITH PRESIDENT WALCOTT OF BARBADOS WORKERS UNION.

2. OWTU BOYCOTT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9 (REFTEL) HAS CAUSED CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT TEXACO PETROLEUM SHIPMENTS TO GRENADA. ACCORDING TO TEXACO SPOKESMAN THAT TEXACO TRINIDAD NORMALLY SUPPLIES ALL RPT ALL FUEL TO GRENADA THROUGH ITS BULK
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TERMINAL, EVEN THOUGH PRODUCTS ARE DISTRIBUTED BY SHELL AND

ESSO, INADDITION TO TEXACO. HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MANY DAYS'
FUEL SUPPLIES ARE NOW ON HAND IN GRENADA, BUT IMPLIED THAT
STOCKS WOULD BE DEPLETED BEFORE FEBRUARY 7 INDEPENDENCE
CELEBRATIONS IF BOYCOTT CONTINUES.
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